

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 13, lines ^{19 23}~~16-20~~, please amend as follows:

~~FIG. 6~~ FIGS. 6(A) -6(c) are includes explanatory views, each respectively showing steps
a step of introducing blood into the blood analysis apparatus of FIG. 5, a step of separating the
blood into plasma and blood cell fractions, and thereafter a step of feeding the plasma fraction
into analysis means;

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Page 14, lines 5-24, please amend as follows:

~~FIG. 9 shows~~ FIGS. 9 (A) and 9(B) respectively show a schematic diagram of the blood
analysis apparatus of the present invention for use in a second example, and an explanatory view
of a state after introducing the blood into the apparatus to perform the centrifugal separation;

~~FIG. 10 shows~~ FIGS. 10(A) and 10(B) respectively show a schematic diagram of the
blood analysis apparatus of the present invention for use in a third example, and an explanatory
view of a state after introducing the blood into the apparatus to perform the centrifugal
separation;

~~FIG. 11 shows~~ FIGS. 11(A) and 11(B) respectively show a schematic diagram of the
blood analysis apparatus of the present invention for use in a fourth example, and an explanatory
view of a state after introducing the blood into the apparatus to perform the centrifugal
separation; and

~~FIG. 12 shows~~ FIGS. 12(A) and 12(B) respectively show a schematic diagram of the
blood analysis apparatus of the present invention for use in a fifth example, and an explanatory
view of a state after separating the plasma from the blood by a plasma separation method of the
present invention.